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HB 359--Better known as the "Teacher Pay Bill", which went to conference, was reported out of conference; and the report adopted by both the House and Senate on Thursday, March 22nd. The bill was held in the House to work out a problem, but this should be resolved the 23rd and sent to the Governor for his signature.

1. Supportive Services a part of Minimum Program

Supportive Services was funded at \$700 per teacher unit. This is the item supported by MSBA as a "must" if districts were to continue to meet accreditation standards and maintain a balanced budget. Money may be spent for audio visual materials, teaching supplies, etc. AND salaries of teachers, librarians, counselors, principals, assistant principals, school nurses and lunchroom workers. The funds likewise can be spent for building maintenance and air conditioning.

The 74-75 amount will be \$750 and \$800 for 75-76.

If a district has 100 Minimum Program teacher units then the district will receive \$70,000. This is not all new money. The new money is the difference between what your district received this year from the incentive grant and \$700.

Example: 1973-74 \$700 Supportive Services
 1972-73 \$295 incentive grant
 1973-74 \$405 new money per teacher unit out of the \$700

1973-74 Total new money for this district will be \$40,500.

2. Administrative Expense

a. For Separate and Consolidated Districts

A new item for these districts. Minimum of \$10,000 plus \$50 per teacher unit in excess of 35 units.

Example: District has 100 teacher units (Consolidated or Separate)
 \$10,000 plus (\$50 x 65 teachers units) = \$13,250.
 There is a maximum of \$25,000

b. For County Unit Districts

Minimum of \$15,000 plus \$50 per teacher unit in excess of 50 units

Example: District has 100 teacher units (County)
 \$15,000 plus (\$50 x 50 teacher units) = \$17,500
 There is a maximum of \$25,000

3. Teacher Salaries

The bill provides increases for 73-74, 74-75 and 75-76.

		STATE MINIMUM SCHEDULE			74-75	
Years	Experience	A	AA	AAA	A 6572	AA 7208
	0	6200	6800	7400	AAA 7844	
	1	6320	6920	7520		
	2	6440	7040	7640		
	3	6560	7160	7760	A 6966	AA 7640
	4	6680	7280	7880	AAA 8315	
	5	6800	7400	8000		
	6	6920	7520	8120		
	7	7040	7640	8240		
	8		7760	8360		
	9		7880	8480 (74-75)		
	10			8600 (75-76)		
	11			8720 (76-77)		
	12			8840 (77-78)		